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Prices were generally unchanged to higher throughout the country. The market tone was steady to fully steady, mostly fully steady. Demand ranged moderate to good at times, best for the scattered feature activity. Supplies were usually no more than adequate to closely balanced, instances tight. Breaking stock supplies were about adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product often attracted premium price levels. Light type hens were sufficient for current processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 10 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged to 6.5 cents higher for mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 5 cents higher for extra large, unchanged to 8 cents higher for large, and unchanged to 3 cents higher for mediums when based on previous week averages. Prices were unchanged in New England. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was fair to good, best where limited feature activity was in progress. Large eggs were advertised at 69 cents per dozen in Philadelphia, restrictions apply. Supplies were about adequate to close. Breaking stock supplies from regular sources were about adequate to adequate for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were generally sufficient for processing needs.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was fair to good, best where limited feature activity was present. Offerings were in balance to close.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 7-8 cents higher for the larger sizes, 5-9 cents higher for medium, and up 4 cents for small. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and in Chicago were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand into both retail and food service outlets was fair to good. Supplies were adequate to instances tight. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were higher. Those needing extra continued to bid higher prices. Offerings were generally tight to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

CHICAGO Prices on all sizes unchanged. The market tone steady to fully steady. Demand into all outlets generally moderate, instances good, best where features are a factor. Offerings barely adequate to close.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady. Retail demand ranged moderate to fairly good entering the week, with best movement centering around the occasional feature. Supplies of all sizes were usually adequate to closely cleared. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending October 29, 1999, was 59.67 cents, 11.85 cents higher than the week before, but 19.15 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional eggs was about moderate. Spent hen availability was sufficient for immediate slaughter needs.

WESTERN Prices 7 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large throughout the region, and medium 8 cents higher in California and 7 cents higher in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 17% higher than last Monday with California up 29% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 2%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings in close balance to short.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	106-108	95-97	72-74
New York	72-74	69-72	56-59
Philadelphia	67.5-72	65.5-70	53-56
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	61-62	59.5-61	49-50
Jackson (1)	71-74	68-69	58-59
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-86	70-84	56-70
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	61-66	60-65	48-53
Detroit (2)	58-61	57-60	44-47
Major Ohio Cities (2)	59-64	58-62	45-52
Major Wisconsin Cities	62-69	60-67	48-55
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	80-82	78-79	63-64
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	95	87	79
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices 7 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 8 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 29% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings barely adequate to short as traders attempted to build stocks for the upcoming holidays. Small invoice price 59. No new ads noted in Northern California.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	109
EXTRA LARGE	95
LARGE	87
MEDIUM	79

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	229-269
EXTRA LARGE	199-279	EXTRA LARGE	219-239
LARGE	149-209	LARGE	179-239
MEDIUM	129-205	MEDIUM	149-185

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 05, 1999 will increase by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 29, 1999 were 242,949 cases which was 10 percent below the prior week and 7 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	205,791	37,158	242,949
% change from the prior week.....	-11	-0	-10

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Breakers in need of additional product continued to bid higher prices. Offerings were generally tight to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.
PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	40-42	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	20-25	23-25
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were about adequate to generally adequate. Demand was mostly moderate. Processing schedules were about normal. The undertone was generally steady.
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-NOV-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-17	8-14.5	11.51
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Trading levels were slightly higher. Demand was active for at least adequate offerings of heavy hens. Finished sales were seasonally active with current schedules adequate for sales requirements. Trade sentiment was at least steady.
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FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-NOV-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	10-19.5	11-13	13.35
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - AM Nov 01, 1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.2	12.2	6.0	15.0	9.3	50.7
	Change	-0.7	3.1	-0.1	3.0	-0.2	11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.4	24.7	9.6	28.0	19.4	108.1
	Change	3.0	5.5	0.7	9.1	3.9	26%
Large	Curr Wk	47.6	62.9	52.3	75.7	84.0	322.5
	Change	15.0	6.8	7.2	12.4	15.6	21%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.0	31.9	14.0	21.7	20.5	101.1
	Change	-1.4	4.7	1.3	4.9	6.1	18%
Small	Curr Wk	5.2	5.6	4.3	8.2	4.0	27.3
	Change	1.5	0.9	2.5	2.8	0.3	42%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.4	19.6	9.6	9.4	5.2	49.2
	Change	-1.1	-3.3	0.7	-3.6	0.4	-12%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	41.6	64.6	12.9	20.7	48.3	188.1
	Change	5.0	-3.3	-2.4	-1.0	1.8	0%
Total	Curr Wk	147.4	221.5	108.7	178.7	190.7	847.0
Percent	Change	17%	7%	10%	18%	17%	14%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	847.0	14%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	451.7	1%	38

Total Shell Egg 1298.7 9% 203
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 165 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	162	158.9	149.9	108.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	126	126	116	76

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES—DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/29/99

CURRENT LOADS							FUTURE LOADS							TOTAL LOADS						
29.00							17.75							46.75						
SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST							
GNR W 1	53.50	—	48.00	49.50	55.25	—	31.00	GNR W 1	—	58.32	—	—	—	—						
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	65.00						
GL W J	—	—	—	—	55.00	—	1.00	GL W LG	59.00	64.00	—	—	—	—						
GL W XL	—	—	56.00	58.50	56.00	—	2.75													
GL W LG	—	—	—	56.50	52.00	—	5.00													
GL W MD	—	—	38.00	40.00	—	—	2.00													
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	32.50	35.00	1.50													

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES—WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/25/99 - 10/31/99

CURRENT LOADS								132.00	FUTURE LOADS								57.75	TOTAL LOADS								189.75
SE				NE		MW				LOADS				SC				NW				SW				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	48.07	48.00	46.00	48.06	54.44	—	79.00	GNR W 1	—	58.34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	53.00								
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00	GNR W 2	—	52.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00								
GNR W 3	45.00	46.00	34.25	36.25	38.38	—	8.00	GNR W 3	—	43.25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00								
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	36.00	38.50	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	65.00	1.00									
GNR BR 1	—	—	59.50	66.00	—	—	4.75	GL W XL	51.00	57.60	—	—	60.33	62.80	5.00											
GL W J	—	—	—	—	55.00	—	1.00	GL W LG	59.00	62.25	—	—	54.75	57.00	11.00											
GL W XL	53.11	50.00	56.00	56.75	53.25	—	12.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	53.50	49.13	52.33	10.50											
GL W LG	53.64	54.67	—	56.00	52.00	—	13.00	GL W SM	—	25.00	22.00	—	—	28.00	3.00											
GL W MD	—	—	38.36	39.75	46.42	44.25	20.00	NRBS - 42	27.00	29.00	—	—	—	—	1.00											
GL W SM	—	—	19.67	21.75	21.00	23.25	5.00	NRBS - 36	—	25.00	—	—	—	—	1.00											
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	42.33	43.00	44.00	9.50																			
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	40.75	40.69	9.00																			
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	32.50	35.00	1.50																			
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	24.60	29.00	2.50																			

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 10/17/99 - 10/23/99

Origin State	AR	CO	IA	ME	MI	MN	MO	OH	OR	PA	TX	UT	WA	TOTAL
N. CA	-	-	2,450	-	-	-	-	-	980	-	-	2,323	-	5,753
C. CA	-	1,080	780	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,095	528	3,483
S. CA	210	2,151	4,278	960	860	3,253	3,200	960	-	780	780	3,310	-	20,742
TTL STATE	210	3,231	7,508	960	860	3,253	3,200	960	980	780	780	6,728	528	29,978

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	87-90	76-79	53-56	17-20

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
66-69	57-63	55-60	42-47	23-27

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
41-43	30-32	13-15

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
72.92	63.90	41

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/25/99	10/18/99	10/26/98
PACIFIC COAST	38	20	14
LOS ANGELES	0	0	14

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR October 26, 1999:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.45
LARGE	143-150	148.24
MEDIUM	124-135	132.41
SMALL	105-109	106.29

Receipts from the mainland: 10/17/99-10/23/99
30-dozen cases 2,908

Receipts from the mainland: 10/10/99-10/16/99
30-dozen cases 3,690

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